

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to FIGs 1-3. These sheets, which include FIGs. 1-3, replace the original sheets. Specifically, FIGs. 1-3 are amended to include the legend "PRIOR ART", which was missing from the original sheets.

A marked-up version of the drawings, with revisions shown in red, is included with the amended drawings. Entry of the amended drawings is respectfully requested.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

The Applicants note with appreciation that the Office Action indicates that claims 28-40 of the application are in condition for allowance.

Applicant affirms the election of the Group III claims, which includes claims 28-40. Claims 41-43 are canceled above without prejudice to the filing in the future of divisional or continuation applications.

The Applicants note that the Office Action Summary does not acknowledge the claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119, which was specified in the application papers, including the declaration document, and does not indicate that the certified copy of the priority document submitted with the application has been received. Acknowledgment of the claim for foreign priority and receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested.

The specification is objected to for informalities stated in the Office Action. The specification is amended above in a manner consistent with suggestions provided in the Office Action. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

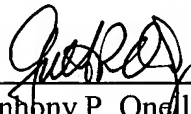
FIGs. 1-3 of the drawings are objected to for not including "Prior Art" labels. FIGs. 1-3 are amended above to include the legend "Prior Art," as suggested in the Office Action at page 2, paragraph 3. Reconsideration of the objections to the drawings is therefore respectfully requested.

Closing Remarks

If prosecution of the application can be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 1 (PRIOR ART)

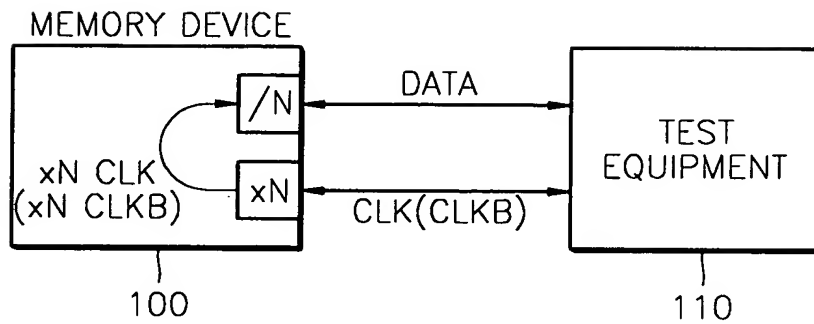


FIG. 2 (PRIOR ART)

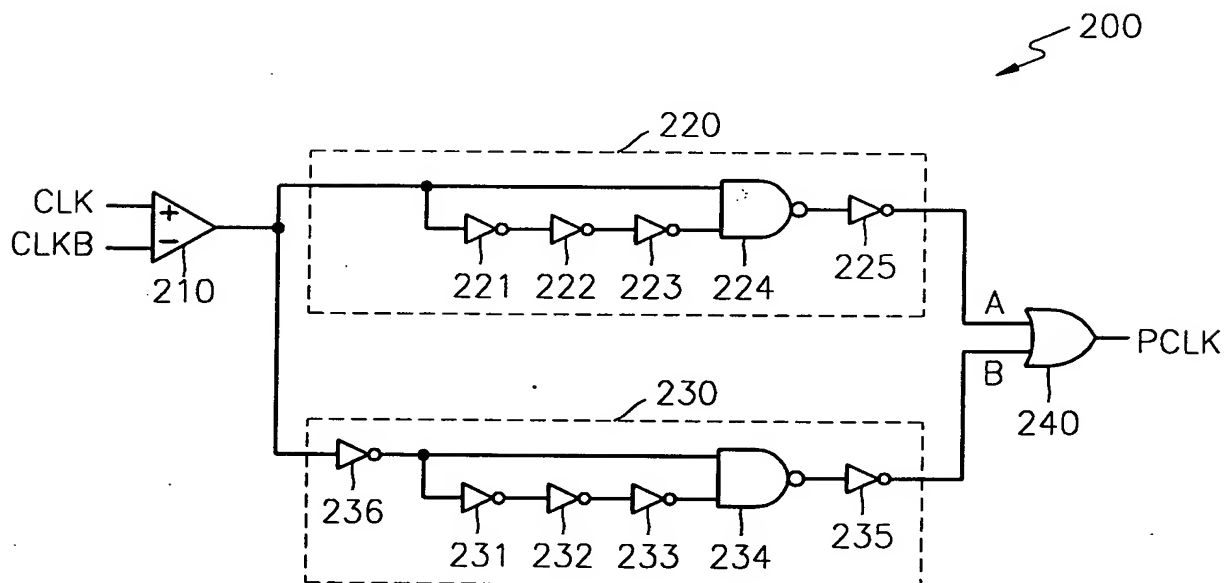


FIG. 3 (PRIOR ART)

